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Town hall meeting today

Base officials to discuss housing moves, demolition plan, block coordinator program

By Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero
Public Affairs Chief

A town hall meeting for all Family Housing residents is scheduled to be held today at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Clara B. McKinney Youth Activities Center.

One of the items to be discussed is the upcoming moves residents will have to make from housing units on the east side of Cape Gloucester, according to Master Sgt. Carlos Saucedo, housing chief.

Other discussion issues include the housing demolition plan, maintenance concerns, the new Family Housing Coordinator Program, and the recently restocked Self-Help building. Residents may also ask questions about other issues important to them.

Eniwetok housing is scheduled to be demolished some time during the summer, said David P. Madrid, housing manager. Remaining residents in the first two blocks of housing south of Eniwetok on the west side of Cape Gloucester will be offered housing on the west side of Cape Gloucester in preparation for the second phase of demolition, which is scheduled to be completed by next summer.

The third demolition phase includes the remaining southernmost housing block east of Cape Gloucester and all housing west of Cape Gloucester. It's scheduled to occur after new housing units are built to replace current housing.

The 164 housing units may be built by 2005 where the phase-two housing units currently are.

Residents who attend the meeting will be able to meet with the block coordinator for their area. The Family Housing Coordinator Program is designed to improve the quality of life in Family Housing, according to an April 18 block coordinator appointment letter.

Block coordinators are eyes and ears for the housing office and are conduits for information. They are responsible for assisting residents in their blocks in "maintaining a clean, safe, healthy, and congenial community." They should also ensure residents in their blocks are aware of and in compliance with base policy regarding maintenance of quarters, yards and quiet hours; pet registration and control; parking in housing areas; control of family members; and energy conservation.

Since the program is still in an early phase, housing residents may suggest how to make it an efficient program at or after the town hall meeting, said Saucedo.

Issues tenants have brought up at previous town hall meetings include moving into larger housing units, pest control and contractor-provided maintenance.

Some residents have asked if they can move into another or larger housing unit because they don't get along with their neighbors or because they don't have enough

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Photo by Rob Jackson

FSD Sgts. Jose Sanchez (bottom), motor transport mechanic, and Mario Marinmiramontes, a towed artillery systems technician, and Tim Zamora, quality control inspector, check the engine compartment of the Corps' newest vehicle, the MTRV. See Page 7 for story.

NMCI gets approval to proceed

Base personnel encouraged to identify computer requirements

By Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero
Public Affairs Chief

There have been several changes with the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet program since the \$6.9 billion contract was awarded in October 2000, but two things seem constant in light of the "favorable program decision" May 3 to proceed with the next increment of 100,000 "seat" orders: NCMI is coming and people need to prepare.

Three things people can do to

prepare for NMCI are to identify their computer requirements, communicate those requirements through the chain of command, and stay current with NCMI by visiting the NCMI Web site (www.nmciinfo.usmc.mil).

People need to "become aware of what their mission is and what their requirements to meet that mission are," said Susan Louis, lead customer technical representative with the MCLB Barstow Communication Division.

Mission determines computer software needs, and software needs determine computer hardware needs. Software requirements include both commercial off-the-shelf, or COTS, and government off-the-shelf, also called GOTS. Hardware requirements include the type and number of seats.

In identifying computer requirements by each line number on the table of organization, Louis said people should realize the difference between a want and need. But they also have to be honest enough to say what they need, even if it goes over "the limit," in

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Notes from the war on terror

By Capt. Scott Cooper
22nd MEU

Aboard USS WASP – I stand in the tower and watch in amazement the activities below me - the deck crews, in their third month of 16-hour days without a day off, moving helicopters onto spot for launch; combat cargo Marines and sailors leading the sticks of 12 Marines to their appropriate helicopters; maintenance Marines running all about troubleshooting any last-minute maintenance problems on aircraft; helicopters launching from the deck; Harrier jets shooting immediately behind them. This is only a rehearsal

for one of a number of missions the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit might be called upon for execution: conducting a precision raid against a known terrorist facility.

I work with these young Marines and sailors every day and I see their anxiousness to “do something real,” like all young men who for centuries have yearned to see battle in the name of a worthy cause. I also see their struggle to understand this war more deeply than the simple concept of retribution. This is the same struggle all Americans have faced since Sept 11.

From the end of the Cold War up to Sept. 11, we lived in an America that possessed a general disinterest

about its role in the world, save free trade and American jobs. “Teacup wars” were the rule of the 1990’s – Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Rwanda, East Timor, Kosovo. In the end, the United States could muster enough support to act only after making a strong case of enormous human suffering (resulting in our actions in Somalia and East Timor, and failing to result in action in Rwanda) or after making a case for potential vital national security interests (as in the spillover that might occur from fighting in the Balkans).

These cases of American engagement all occurred while we ignored other places we could have had influence but were unwilling to pay the cost, like Af-

ghanistan, the Central Asian Republics, and even nations in the Middle East and Africa. We believed we could choose when and where we got involved. Moreover, we believed there was little cost associated with global leadership. The gift of geography – friendly nations to our north and south and two oceans to our east and west – resulted in a comfort of invulnerability. The events of Sept. 11 shattered that myth. We no longer have the luxury of choosing when and where to act. Fighting transnational terrorism and defeating radical, militant, fundamentalist Islam has thrust the United States into global leadership. It is a role we must embrace, but understanding that role is perhaps more difficult than

fulfilling it.

In my conversations with my fellow Marines and sailors, a few points come out: the enemy is difficult to define and understand – we are not fighting to stop Naziism, fascism, or communism, or even to reverse the aggression of another state. We are not fighting a state army; therefore distinguishing between friend and foe is all the more ambiguous. We are fighting the forces of transnational terrorism and radical, militant, fundamentalist Islam. We are not fighting the entire Islamic world. Claiming to do so will only hinder America’s goals in this war. The

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The marketing of ‘mom’

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



The last couple of weeks the advertisers have been marketing “mom” everywhere.

They are good reminders for all of us to do something nice for the moms in our lives at least once a year, if not more.

The marketing of mom gives us that push and reminder that maybe we are taking for granted the moms around us and all the hard work that they do.

The Bible markets the qualities that moms are to have.

In Proverbs, chapter 31, a list of those qualities is provided.

Those qualities are praiseworthy as we read in verses 28-31, “*Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she*

has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

Thomas Edison said of his mother, “I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life.

“The good effects of her early training I can never lose.

“If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor.

“But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness were potent powers to keep me on the right path.

“My mother was the making of me,” he said.

The moms that we have may not have all the ideal qualities of the Bible or of Thomas Edison’s mom.

But the moms we have belong to us.

They are our moms.

Let us praise them the best way that we can this weekend for all the beneficial influence they have given us.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Luis Fernandez gives Cpl. Jeremy Warbritton a PPD shot May 1. The Branch Medical Clinic had all of Headquarters Battalion Marines come to the clinic to update their medical records and get the shots they needed after a promotion formation.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services
before Mass**

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of
every month.
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call
577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon–1:30 p.m.
At the Chapel Office.

For more info call
577-6849.



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NEWS BRIEFS

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Fridays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

I-15 closure

The Interstate-15 will be closed between Stoddard Wells Road and Dale Evans Parkway from 11:30 p.m. Friday to 4:30 a.m. Saturday to assist Southern California Edison Co. in the removal and relocation of aerial electrical lines.

There will be no detour, but six 20-minute traffic breaks to allow traffic through during the closure.

Leave transfer

Bertie Dailey, public affairs office, has been affected by medical emergencies. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the "Leave Sharing" program may obtain a leave donor application through their department administrative officer. For more information contact Kim Pope, 577-6436.

Leave transfer

Kenneth Luedke, Maintenance Center Barstow, has been affected by medical emergencies. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the "Leave Sharing" program may obtain a leave donor application through their department administrative officer. For more information call Pt Snyder, 577-7284.

Bowling tournament

Teams registered before Friday get a \$5 discount off of the entry fee for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball Bowling Tournament May 15 at 2 p.m. at the base bowling alley.

Teams consist of 4 bowlers and should be submitted to Gunnery Sgt. Hilda Goodman. The entry fee for all military teams is \$25. The entry fee for mixed teams and all civilian teams is \$30.

For more information call Goodman, 577-6656, or at e-mail address goodmanhb@barstow.usmc.mil.

Friday night dinner

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2143 is having a family dinner night Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at 25190 West Main Street.

The public is invited; for more information call 253-2610.

Water outage

There will be a water outage affecting the the clinic Buildings 17, 17D and 149 as well as Warehouse 4 Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. For more information call Ed Guz, 577-6183.

Clinic to screen youth for care

A free clinic to screen children for possible care at Shriners Hospital for Children has been scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Barstow Masonic Temple, located at 221 Ave. "J" in Barstow.

Local doctors will screen children, from infants to 18 years of age, to determine if their problem can be cared for by Shriners Hospital for Children. Further examination and possible care will be provided free of charge.

Appointments are not necessary,

but for additional information call 252-5800.

Barstow to Calico Runs

The Barstow to Calico 30K Run, 30K Relay and Calico 5K are scheduled for Sunday.

The 30K run will start at the Harvey House at 6:30 a.m. and the 30K relay race will begin at 7:30 a.m. The 5K will start at Calico Ghost Town at 8:30 a.m. For registration information, call Theresa Alonzo at 255-2422.

KVN Meeting

There will be a Key Volunteers Network Meeting Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Oasis Club. The topic of discussion will be housing. For more information, call the Marine Corps Family Team officer at 577-6543.

Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament

The 10th Annual Golf Scramble hosted by Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice at Tees n' Trees Golf Course will be held May 18. The cut off date for sign up is May 16.

The entry fee is \$35. Green fees and cart not included. For further information call tournament director Howard Hedberg 252-5943.

Asian Pacific Islander Training Luncheon

There will be an Asian Pacific Islander Training Luncheon May 22 at the Oasis Club. The guest speaker will



be Maj. Domingo Salazar, Fleet Support Division director. The theme will be Unity in Freedom.

The menu will be beef broccoli, fried rice, lumpia, fortune cookies, iced tea and water. The cost will be \$7.25.

For tickets call the following committee members:

Name	Phone
Amy Mandap	577-6895
Vee Pasco	577-6391
Fred Molino	577-7210
Debbie Anilao	577-6746

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held May 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Base Gym and from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maintenance Center.

Donors will be given a time to donate blood to reduce the amount of waiting time.

Persons willing to donate blood or volunteer for the blood drive should contact their supervisors.

Dialing 911

The Public Safety Dispatch Center is now cross-staffed by military police and civilian dispatchers. All of the dispatchers have been certified as emergency medical dispatchers. There are two dispatchers on duty 24 hours seven days a week.

The 911 system the base operates on is an older system. This system does work, however it is slower than the new systems available. There will be a short delay of about 8-10 seconds before the phone rings when 911 is dialed. This should only be a temporary problem, as the 911-dispatch center is in the process of being updated with the most advanced system available.

If for any reason 911 is not working the alternate emergency phone number is 577- 6322.

For more information call the non-emergency phone number for the Public Safety Dispatch Center, 577-6666.

Maintenance complaint line

To report complaints about repair and maintenance work on real property (base buildings excluding housing) call 577-5159.

Visitor sponsoring

Personnel sponsoring visitors and contractors to the base on a long-term or reoccurring basis must send their requests to smbbarstoupba@barstow.usmc.mil or fax them to 577-6191.

Short-term personal visitors such as barracks or housing guests need to report to Building 167 and complete a written request. All sponsors are required to provide their visitor's full name, driver's license number, vehicle description, intended destination and date(s) of visit.

For more information call Gunnery Sgt. David Paul, 577-6062.

Marine Corps online uniform store

Active duty, reserve and retired Marines registered in the DEERS systems can now order uniform items online at <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/uniforms>. The Uniform Support Center can also be reached by calling (800) 368-4088.

Job Watch

Annuc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-215-02-NR	Firefighter GS-0081-05	04-29-02	05-14-02	05-06-02	MCLB Barstow

Summer Jobs

Annuc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
3502	Laborer WG-3502-1/2/3/4	04-18-02	Indefinite	05-10-02	MCLB Barstow
3414	Machinist Helper WG-3414-05	04-18-02	Indefinite	05-10-02	MCLB Barstow
189	Recreation Assistant GS-0189-05	04-18-02	Indefinite	05-10-02	MCLB Barstow
2005	Supply Clerk GS-2005-04	04-18-02	Indefinite	05-10-02	MCLB Barstow
326	Office Automation Clerk GS-0326-03	04-18-02	Indefinite	05-10-02	MCLB Barstow

"Summer Jobs" entails temporary positions available beginning in June and ending in September. Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resumé to: Human Resources Service Center, Southwest ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number) 525 B Street, Suite 600 San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 37, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donbr.navy.mil>.

This is not an official list. Please see the Websites listed for a complete list.

N/MCRS fund drive results

MCLB employees bond together and rake in monies for servicemembers in need

By Cpl. Cory Kelly
Editor

In the spring of each year the Mojave’s most energetic employees get together and find new ways to help the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive.

This year was no different, as hundreds of MCLB Barstow employees, sailors, Marines and civilian-Marines, joined in arms of bake sales and ice cream socials to combat the needs of the unknown.

The drive ended April 26, and in just a few short weeks base workers pulled together \$12,373.58.

Of the \$12,373.58 raised, \$3,013.26 was collected from personal contributions and the rest, \$9,360.32, came from different fund raising events set up and manned by the employees of different sections on base.

Maintenance Center Barstow lead the pack with fund raising events ac-

counting for more than a third of the total monies collected this year, pulling in \$4,708.97.

According to Brenda German, key person for MCB, the largest breadwinner of the maintenance center’s activities was a nacho sale that brought in \$1,620.

German noted that it wasn’t just one section or a few heads that helped out with the different events at MCB, it was employees from all around the yard that make MCB’s efforts a success.

Other fund raising events held at MCB were a burrito sale, a banana split sale, a meatball sandwich sale, a pizza sale, a hot dog sale and a chili sale.

“Once again [MCB] employees show that they have big hearts,” German said.

The Communications Division pulled in the second largest dollar amount raised for N/MCRS this year.

Their most successful fund raiser

this year was a barbeque rib sale held on the Yermo Annex with \$522. Up next came their breakfast burrito and Indian taco sales, which pulled in \$1,021.30 collectively, and quickly became base favorites.

According to Ruby Adams, key person for the Communications Division, Comm pulled in the rest of the money with a barbeque beef sandwich sale, an ice cream social and a muffin sale.

The total amount raised by Comm was \$2,017.31 according to Adams – an amount she said they couldn’t have raised without the help of the whole crew.

“[The N/MCRS fund drive] is something we look forward to every year,” she noted as she gave shout outs to the Marines from the telephone section and virtually everyone else in the Communications Division who helped out with various fund raisers.

The Office of the Comptroller raked in the next largest amount with

a chili dog sale and the budget office’s annual bake sale – or the “budget ladies’ bake sale” as it is often referred to by those who have been brainwashed by the peanut butter brownies and cherry-swirl cheese cakes the women of budgeting have been directing to their stomachs for the last 15 years.

The next most charitable group was the staff noncommissioned officers and officers, who raised \$645.46 in a single fund raising event – the dunk tank. 1st Lt. Casey Taylor, key person for the staff NCOs and officers, summed up the participators’ feelings of the event, saying “despite the filthy, putrid smelling water, we were extremely happy with how well we did.”

Contracting and Purchasing pulled in the next highest amount, \$545, with a nacho sale and a spaghetti luncheon.

Like many others involved, Kim Hamilton, key person for C&P, said, “Everybody pitched in, and we did well.”

The Fleet Support Department raised \$212 with the help of everyone, according to Bobbie Joe

Campbell, key person for FSD. FSD had a hot dog sale and a coke and root beer float sale that brought in the total of their fund raisings.

“From the upper management all the way down the line ... it didn’t matter. Everybody pitched in,” Campbell said.

The Administrative Support Department also raised \$146.48 for the cause.

Col. Liz Bergman, base commander, touched a few of the same points other N/MCRS contributors had noting that this year’s fund raising was a great success.

“The Marines and civilian Marines who organized and conducted the wide, and I must say creative, range of fund raising events demonstrated both a generous spirit and selfless effort to ensure that those uniformed members in need will continue to have a place to turn for help,” she said. “All the funds raised will go directly to a Marine or sailor. Well done, Team Barstow! You can be justly proud of this fine accomplishment and my personal thanks goes out to each and everyone of you.”

AROUND THE CORPS

Marine fights to become Okinawa's 1st

By Cpl. Krystal Leach
OKINAWA MARINE staff

CAMP COURTNEY, Okinawa, Japan – “In order to lead from the front, you got to get some first,” according to one Marine’s perspective.

This type of motivation pours from the mouth of a female Marine who graduated April 12 as the first enlisted female on Okinawa in the Black Belt Instructor Trainer Course, part of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Trainer Course.

The course produces Marines qualified to teach other Marines to become

instructors in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

According to Sgt. Tarra R. Gundrum, motor transport operator, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, attempting to complete the intense program is all part of a day’s work as a leader of Marines.

“It’s my job as a leader to get this training and give it back to Marines by encouraging them to do the same,” Gundrum said.

Setting the example is a familiar concept for Gundrum, as she has already received meritorious corporal and sergeant within

her first three years in the Marine Corps.

The course consists of revisiting tan, green and brown belt techniques, and then moving on to black belt training. Hours of kicking,

blocking and punching mixed with weapons, warrior cultures, sexual harassment, leadership, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and nutrition training are all mandatory elements of the curriculum.

“All of these portions are covered as part of the process in building a well rounded Marine,” Gundrum said of the nutrition and cardiopulmonary resuscitation requirements. “You have to know these things in order to teach Marines how to take care of themselves.” The students not only learn advanced hand-to-hand combat, ground fighting and bayonet training, but they also learn to engage these techniques in adverse conditions.

“We train in the field and train in low-light visibility situations, as well as learning to successfully apply fighting techniques in the water,” Gundrum said. “We are trained to apply techniques in all elements which simulate real combat environments.”

The students are not only trained to be physically tough, but their minds are expected to be just as strong.

The students study some of the history behind certain fighting techniques. Apache and Okinawa warrior cultures are two of the techniques studied.

According to Gundrum, when the body is tired, the students must have enough mental stamina to complete



Cpl. Krystal N. Leach

Gundrum, motor transport operator, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, practices a newly learned bayonet technique on Lt. Col. George H. Bristol, director of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

certain obstacles in the course.

“After running five times through the infamous obstacle course, we are expected to be able to apply the fighting techniques,” Gundrum explained.

With the saying, “Eight-hour movement, 20-second fight,” Lt. Col. George H. Bristol, director of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, said he believes Marines, male or female, should train to have enough stamina to fight and conquer the enemy in a matter of seconds even after hours of ground movement.

“This training is one of the few aspects of Marine Corps culture where training is the same for both male and female,” Bristol stated.

Regardless of gender, a Marine who attempts the instructor trainer course must be able to complete these rigorous combat simulations.

Despite being the only female in the class, “Gundrum is one of the most capable students in the class,” Bristol confessed. Gundrum’s next venture in the Marine Corps is at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island’s drill field.



Cpl. Krystal N. Leach

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

Resurfacing of Yermo Road



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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B881

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Department of Public Works
ATTN: Director, Mr. Ken A. Miller
825 East Third Street
San Bernardino CA 92415

Attention: Mr. Ken A. Miller:

SUBJECT: RESURFACING OF YERMO ROAD LEADING TO FRONT GATE ENTRY OF
THE YERMO ANNEX OF THE MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE

On a daily basis throughout a normal work week, the Yermo Road provides entry and exit to and from the Yermo Annex of the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) for a minimum of 1,000 privately owned vehicles, as well heavy permit load vehicles and numerous military vehicles. Many of the employees and visitors at the Yermo Annex have strongly and repeatedly complained about the poor condition of Yermo Road and the potential for damage made to their vehicles.

We have recently been informed by your office that the Yermo Road is to be resurfaced from the Daggett-Yermo road intersection east to the intersection of Interstate 15 by 1 July 2002. On behalf of our employees and visitors we are extremely pleased that this resurfacing project has been scheduled for 1 July 2002.

Should the resurfacing of Yermo Road be disrupted or delayed for any reason, we respectfully request that our base be notified. Points of contact for this request are Mr. John Noxon, noxonj@barstow.usmc.mil, MCLB, Installation & Logistics Department, (760)577-6759, or Ms. Dina Kimmerling, kimmerlingbe@barstow.usmc.mil, Maintenance Center, Production Management Department, (760)577-7041.

Your cooperation is most sincerely appreciated.


E. RIVERS
Col USMC
Commander
Maintenance Center, Barstow

Copy to: Commanding Officer, MCLB

Congratulations

By Col E. Rivers
Commander

Congratulations and thank you for your efforts as members of the Maintenance Center Barstow Team.
Keep up the great work!

January 2002

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)

Charles Johnson Gary Morgan
Kevin Peterson

(27 hours)

Thomas Cooper

Beneficial Suggestion

Thomas Graul #17-98

On The Spot Awards

Michael Burke Teddy Mosier
Robert Hart Terry Niemeyer
John Sickler

February 2002

Time Off Awards

(4 hours)

Walter Easterling Alfredia Hester
Gilbert Sena

(9 hours)

Joann Bond Jay Hunsaker
Donald Campbell Bonita Littlefield

(18 hours)

Thomas Dittman Charles Gomez

On The Spot Awards

Richard Allen Darnell Manna
David Alley Dianna McCormick
Raymond Arroyo Theodora Millis
Harvey Brooks Keith Mintun
Alexander Caldwell Frederico Molino
Paul Church Joseph Moorman
Gerald Coddington Jerry Morrill
Jeffery Donovan Terry Niemeyer
Jody Enriquez Gregory Patterson
John Faris James Perry
Donna Florez Ronald Pitcher
Alexander Guza Michael Random
William Hanify Cynthia Russell
Albert Harden Dennis Snyder
Terry Harmel Geri Tedrick
Robert Hart Edgar Thomas
Raymond Jackson Glenn Tibbett
Allen Kane Robert F. Waggener Jr.
Reginald West

March 2002

Time Off Awards

(18 hours)

Patrick Knox Wayne Woolley

Yermo Road Update

Since we have sent out the letter of appreciation to the Department of Public Works, we have been notified by the supervisor of the Barstow Maintenance Yard that this stretch of Yermo Road was so deteriorated, it needed to be totally reconstructed, that is, undergo a "full depth repavement." County budgetary constraints will, however, prevent this reconstruction until fiscal years 2003 or 2004.

In an effort to provide immediate assistance to our commuters, the county will perform an "overlay paving" prior to July 1.

It is anticipated that this "overlay paving" will provide temporary relief until the reconstruction project can be accomplished.

The "overlay paving" should be a one-day project, starting around 8 a.m. and ending prior to 4 p.m., so there should not be too much conflict with the morning and evening traffic.

New blood taking over *convoy* of old reliables

Fleet Support receives, inspects newest addition to motorized fleet

By Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG staff

At nearly 11 feet tall, it's huge, and sporting a 425 horsepower caterpillar C12 engine, it's very powerful.

It's the latest edition to the Marine Corps fleet of motor transport vehicles called the MTVR (medium tactical vehicle replacement), a 7-ton truck.

Fleet Support Division received



Photo by Rob Jackson

Two variations of the Marine Corps' newest motor transport, the MK-28 long-bed and MK-23 short-bed roll out to MCB's test track for road testing.

10 of the trucks approximately two weeks ago and on Friday a representative from the Oshkosh Truck Co., Oshkosh, Wis., the company that manufactures this beast, visited to assist with the inspection and receiving process.

"I'm here to help these guys go through what we call deprocessing," said Lisandro Olivares, Oshkosh Truck Corp. representative. "It's a very

thorough inspection that must be done before putting the vehicle in service to ensure everything is operating properly."

The deprocessing involves going through a 17-page checklist that covers everything from inspecting the hydraulics to the wiper blades.

Another portion of the checklist involves road testing the vehicle, which ensures the engine and transmission are in concert with each other, and that the computerized brake system is in proper working order.

"It's a very sophisticated vehicle," said Olivares. "Virtually everything on the truck is computerized."

This 21st century technology vehicle incorporates databus self-diagnostic technology, a central tire inflation system, anti-lock brake system and command zone plus electronics, according to the company's data sheet.

"One of the most unique features on the truck is its Central Tire Inflation system," said Olivares. "If you want to go off road, you flip a switch and the tires deflate. You flip another switch to inflate the tires when you get back on the highway."

When climbing into the cab of this vehicle, it's almost like entering the cockpit of an aircraft.

There are buttons and switches for just about anything that operates the vehicle to include shifting the 7-speed transmission, which is reminiscent of the early 60's Chrysler automobiles only more advanced.

"The truck is very comfortable, and a lot better than the 5-ton," said Pfc. Nicole Sava, a motor transport operator at FSD and one of the first people to take it for a test run around Maintenance Center Barstow's test track.



Photo by Rob Jackson

Harold Davis, MCB inspector, does a thorough inspection of the MTVR's engine compartment, just one of the many items on a 17-page checklist to inspect.

Sava was one of 15 people from FSD and MCB to get an opportunity to go over the checklist, inspect the vehicle and take it for a test run.

Part of the inspection after the test run included checking the truck for fluid leaks around the seals specifically.

"Right now FSD has 10 of the trucks with another dozen or so expected to arrive soon," said Joe Costa, quality assurance inspector at FSD.

The MTVR, or the MK as it's known in the Marine Corps, was developed as a replacement for the 5-ton truck, according to Costa.

It can carry 7 tons of cargo off road and 15 tons on road.

It can also be transported inside a KC-130 Hercules or slung beneath a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter.

Like its predecessor the 5-ton, or 900 series, the MK comes in several configurations.

FSD was deprocessing the MK23, the short-bed version, and the MK-28, which is the extended-bed version outfitted with a heavy-duty winch.

FSD is receiving the trucks as part of the overflow from the fleet for storage, and every month will be required to perform the vehicle inspection, according to Master Sgt. Neil Pinchefskey, assistant operations officer at FSD.



Photo by Rob Jackson

Harold Davis, an inspector with MCB, checks the undercarriage of the MTVR as part of the inspection prior to accepting the vehicle and putting it in service.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Lunch menu

Today – Family Restaurant: baked potato and salad bar. Cactus Cafe: meatloaf and cut corn.

Friday – Baked red snapper and fried rice.

Monday – Salisbury steak, sauteed mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and garlic bread.

Tuesday – Chicken cacciatore and mashed potatoes.

Wednesday – Prime rib, baked potatoes and green beans almondine.

Thursday – Beef stir fry and jasmine rice.

Lunch is served Mondays through Fridays excluding holidays at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m and at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Prices: \$3.50 military, \$4.50 civilian.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Pasta Nite. Spaghetti, angel-hair pasta with chicken alfredo sauce, garlic bread, tossed green salad and dessert.

May 16 – Chicken Nite. Baked/fried chicken, corn on the cob, collard greens, tossed green salad and dessert.

Family Night dinners are served at the Family Restaurant every Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Prices \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 children 5 to 11 years. Children under 5 years are free.

Angel Tickets

The Information, Ticket and Travel office is offering tickets to an Angels game to be played May 24 - Angels vs. Minnesota Twins.

The \$10 value tickets are on sale for \$6. Beginning the sale, ITT only had 25 tickets available. Supplies are short.

There is a four-ticket purchase limit per family. For more information call 577-6541.

You're cordially invited to
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9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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MOY honored at Padres game

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The San Diego Padres held Military Opening Day May 2 at Qualcomm Stadium.

As part of the opening events, Sgt. Jared Anderson, Marine of the Year for MCLB Barstow, was recognized along with other Marines, sailors, soldiers, airmen and coast guardsmen of the year from bases surrounding the San Diego area.

Anderson was given an autographed baseball and appeared on the video screen while standing along the first base line.

Other events included a flyover by the "Fighting Saints" of VFC-13 from Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev.

The highlight of the day's events was the presentation of one of the three recognized United States Flags that flew at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. New York Police Department officer Alex Kitsakos, a Marine Corps reservist, escorted the WTC flag from New York City to San Diego.

The flag, which is never without an escort, originally flew on a pole at 2 World Financial Center, but was in jeopardy of coming loose as it was hanging from one grommet. Detective Peter J. Conlin of the NYPD Emergency Services Unit stepped forward and secured the flag before returning it to Emergency Services Unit headquarters.

In the days after the attacks, families and friends of the victims began to sporadically sign the flag with messages to lost loved ones. It was agreed in the subsequent weeks that the flag would be turned over to the Marines due to the presence of numerous Marines in the ESU that were engaged in combat in Afghanistan.

Former Marine Corps sergeant, Lt. John P. Durkin, NYPD ESU, delivered the flag to Maj. David Anderson of the New York City Marine Corps Public Affairs Office.

Major Anderson then had the flag transported to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS Bataan, commanded by Col. Andrew P. Frick.

After flying on the USS Bataan, the flag was then carried ashore by the Marines and, following a formal flag-raising ceremony, was hoisted above the captured Kandahar airport. The flag was then transferred

in the Arabian Sea to the Camp Pendleton-based 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the USS Peleliu.

The flag returned to San Diego on March 4 aboard the USS Peleliu, thereby completing a trip around the world in the custody of the Marine Corps.

Information from this story came from a Marine Corps media advisory.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Sgt. Jared Anderson, MCLB Barstow's Marine of the Year, waves to the crowd at Qualcomm Stadium May 2 during the opening ceremonies for the San Diego Padres' Military Opening Day.

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which case more money would have to be requested if a particular mission is to be completed.

"It's better to identify what we need up front than to have to go back and beg for it," said Louis.

The sooner base and tenant organizations identify all their requirements, the sooner they will be in a position to plan and project funding requirements for NMCI services.

Other than identifying requirements, people also need to stay current on NMCI issues. One reason to become familiar with the NMCI Web site is that it has the most up-to-date official information about NMCI, said Louis.

The Web site may seem riddled with jargon that only information-technology professionals can fully understand, but Louis said the average computer user should at least become familiar with the specifications of the three seats, the various Contract Line Item Numbers, or CLINs, and the transition schedule.

Three of the basic types of seats (red - \$246.51, white - \$238.64, and blue - \$232.34) includes round-the-clock help-desk support, infrastructure upkeep, enhanced security, technology refreshes, network monitoring, repair services, hardware, software, two unclassified user accounts, and training. The basic software for each seat is referred to as the "Gold Disk." Software not included on the Gold Disk is called a Legacy Application.

Each CLIN list includes a description of individual service offerings, associated service levels, software, hardware, and pricing, according to the NMCI Web site. Of special note is CLIN 23, Optional User Capabilities, which lists COTS software or hardware that goes beyond the basic software of a seat.

CLIN 23 also lists the fees on top of the basic seat cost for the additional software or hardware.

MCLB Barstow is currently scheduled to make the NMCI transformation in November 2003, but that schedule is subject to change.

If the transition date does not change, Communication Division personnel plan to charter a working group soon to work on NMCI issues.

Working group members can act

as force multipliers to educate people about NMCI and help base employees transition to NMCI.

"People are not real happy with (NMCI)," said Louis. "I honestly think it can work."

Some people may be apprehensive about NMCI because they think they will not get enough seats to complete their mission or that the cost for each seat is too expensive.

The NMCI mission is to enable the sharing of information worldwide with those who need it, when they need it, and to enhance enterprise-wide work, training, and quality of life for every Marine, sailor, and Department of the Navy civilian.

NMCI is supposed to replace hundreds of independent networks with one secure network and ultimately provide a seamless flow of information across the Department of the Navy. It is a long-term, performance-based contract that includes training, maintenance, operation and infrastructure.

"This transformation from many disparate networks to a single enterprise intranet will not only ensure that the Department of the Navy information technologies are brought into the 21st Century, but will also provide us the necessary path to the future of enterprise-wide business efficiency and warfighting effectiveness," said Rear Admiral Charles L. Munns, Navy Marine Corps Intranet director, in a May 3 CNNmoney.com article.

"While we are facing the technical challenges of this endeavor, it is the cultural changes that will require all DON personnel to be both flexible and adaptable.

Thousands of books have been written on the subject of change management. Through NMCI, the Navy is living change management, not just reading about it," he said.

Louis said that one of the things NMCI does is bring the cost of IT services to the surface. She said it pulls all the hidden costs out of the nooks and crannies the average network user does not see.

"Whether we think it's a good idea or not," Louis continued, "it's happening, it's here.

"As the Marine Corps, we've always done a lot with a little, and we're going to do it again. We can either go in prepared or drop our packs and go."

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room for household goods. But those reasons do not justify a move, according to Saucedo.

"A lot of people aren't really sure about pest control," said Madrid. He said that when a resident reports a pest problem, pest control is called and sends pest-control personnel to inspect the reported area.

"If they don't see any bugs there ... they won't spray because there's a limit by law they can only spray so much a week," said Madrid.

Madrid said that pest-control specialists can place "bait traps" in the area in question if they cannot verify that there is a problem. After the traps capture the

pests, the pest control people should know where the pests are coming from and be able to treat that area.

Another item of concern is contractor-provided maintenance. While funding maintenance work was a problem last fiscal year, it does not seem to be one this year.

One maintenance-related problem people may have, according to Saucedo, is determining the difference between routine and emergency maintenance.

"Regardless of what you think, whether it's routine or emergency, you call it in and the supervisor on duty will let you know 'yes it is' or 'no it isn't.' They'll make that determination," said Saucedo.

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future of the Middle East depends in large measure on America and Islamic nations acting in concert. If the suicide bomber becomes a metaphor for the whole region, there will be no escape from the Middle East entering a downward spiral of hate and spite, rage and self-pity, poverty and oppression.

This war demands all the resources of power we have, not just military and intelligence. So while the young men and women long to "do something real," they understand that if they spend the next several months at sea and never execute a mission, that is also a sacrifice they must make. Perhaps more

important than this quiet and willing sacrifice is for all Americans, whether in or out of uniform, to understand more fully that American engagement and global leadership has a price, that we must accept this role for ourselves and our nation. It wasn't until after Pearl Harbor was bombed that Americans began to look abroad, when Tarawa, Guadalcanal, or Iwo Jima were places on the map we knew. Similarly, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Somalia, and Yemen, among many, must be places we know and understand, for America's future is tied to such places. Interest, participation, and comprehension are essential facets of this global war on terror, from a junior high school

teacher in conversation with her students, to a community leader speaking at the Rotary Club.

Patriotism must go deeper than flag-waving and yellow ribbons; all Americans must begin to look outward, embrace American global leadership and engagement, and understand more fully critical roles America plays outside its borders.

Editor's Note:

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